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FM AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6332

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E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, GSP, MY, ASEAN

SUBJ: MALAYSIA'S GSP PETITION

REF: STATE 172077

1. EMBASSY HAS JUST RECEIVED GOM'S REVISED GSP PETITION. LIST IS GIVEN BELOW AND, DESPITE THE RETENTION OF SOME SENSITIVE ITEMS, IS LEANER, BETTER FOCUSED AND REASONABLY WELL DOCUMENTED. GOM TRADE POLICY OFFICIALS HAVE INFORMALLY EXPRESSED CHAGRIN THAT ORIGINAL LIST SENT IN WITH SO MANY ERRORS. THEY EXPLAIN THAT THIS IS DUE TO PRESSURES FACED BY SMALL TRADE POLICY STAFF BECAUSE OF MTN NEGOTIATIONS WHICH NECESSITATED ASSIGNING THIS JOB TO A JUNIOR OFFICER WHOSE WORK, UNFORTUNATELY, NO ONE CHECKED. IN ANY CASE, THE HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR REGRETS AND HOPE THAT THE TPSC WILL BE ABLE TO ACCEPT THEIR PRESENT PETITION.

2. LIST IS AS FOLLOWS: PRICES IN U.S. DOLLARS):

TSUS	COMMODITY	PRODUCTION CAPACITY PER ANNUM
A) 112.34	FISH IN AIRTIGHT	210,000 CASES
	CONTAINERS-OTHER	(1,008,000 TINS
	(TUNA)	WEIGHING 7 OZS PER TIN)

EMPLOYMENT: 250 PRICES: \$23/ PER CASE

FUTURE TRENDS: PRODUCTION CAPACITY IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE

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BY 15 PCT AND EMPLOYMENT IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE BY 50 WORKERS YEARLY.

B) 148.98 PINEAPPLES- 2,337,219 CASES

PREPARED AND PRESERVED (WEIGHING 48 LBS EACH CASE

EMPLOYMENT: 2384 PRICES: PRICE RANGING FROM US\$10.50-
US\$12.40

FUTURE TRENDS: PRODUCTION AND EMPLOYEMENT ARE EXPECTED TO INCREASE

IN 1979.

C) 176.17 COCONUT OIL 2.33 MILLION METRIC TONS

EMPLOYMENT: 806 PRICES: NOT AVAILABLE

FUTURE TRENDS: NOT AVAILABLE

D) 240.17 MERANTI PLYWOOD 700,000 CU. METER PER YEAR

EMPLOYMENT: 13,000 PRICES: PRICE RANGING FROM 5MM PLYWOOD

US\$3.40 PER 8' X 4' PIECE

FUTURE TRENDS: PRODUCTION AND EMPLOYMENT ARE

NOT EXPECTED TO INCREASE MUCH. HOWEVER, THERE COULD BE AN IN-

CREASE OF PRICE BY 20 PCT PER PIECE IN 1979

E-1) 532.21 MOSAIC TILES 22.2 MIL. SQ. FT.

EMPLOYMENT: 928 PRICES: PRICE RANGING FROM US\$0.29 TO

US\$0.60

FUTURE TRENDS NOT AVAILABLE

532.24 GLAZED TILES 157.2 MIL. PCS.

(SIZE 4" X4")

EMPLOYMENT: 492 PRICES: PRICE RANGING FROM US \$0.46-US\$1.42)

FUTURE TRENDS NOT AVAILABLE

650.38 FORKS WITH STAINLESS STEEL HANDLES SEE GROUP TOTAL BELOW

EMPLOYMENT SEE GROUP TOTAL BELOW

PRICES SEE GROUP TOTAL BELOW

FUTURE TRENDS: SEE GROUP TOTAL BELOW

650.45 FORKS WITH RUBBER OR PLASTIC HANDLES SEE GROUP TOTAL BELOW

EMPLOYMENT: SEE GROUP TOTAL BELOW

PRICES: SEE GROUP TOTAL BELOW

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F-3 650.49 TABLE FORKS/TABLE SERVING FORKS SEE GROUP TOTAL BELOW

EMPLOYMENT: SEE GROUP TOTAL BELOW

PRICES: SEE GROUP TOTAL BELOW

FUTURE TRNDS: SEE GROUP TOTAL BELOW

F-4 65.054 SPOONS VALUED UNDER US\$0.25 EACH SEE GROUP TOTAL BELOW

EMPLOYMENT: SEE GROUP TOTAL BELOW

PRICES: SEE GROUP TOTAL BELOW

F-5) 650.56 SPOONS WITH BASE METAL SEE GROUP TOTAL BELOW

EMPLOYMENT: SEE GROUP TOTAL BELOW

PRICES: SEE GROUP TOTAL BELOW

GROUP TOTAL OF F-1 TO F-5:

PRODUCTION CAPACITY PE YEAR: 51.77 MET. TONS 7.4 MIL. PCS

EMPLOYMENT 732

PRICES: PRICE RANGING FROM US\$1.71 TO US\$5.13 PER DOZ.

FUTURE TRENDS: PRODUCTION IN 1979 IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE TO 1 MIL

PCS AND EMPLOYMENT IS EXPECTED TO INCREASE TO APPROXIMATELY

1000 PEOPLE.

G) 686.10 RESISTORS FIXED OR VARIABLE (INCLUDING 912.000.000 PCS.

POTENTIO METERS, BUT NOT INCLUDING HEATING ELEMENTS AND

AND PARTS THER-OF)

EMPLOYMENT: 1509 PRICES: NOT AVAILABLE

FUTURE TRENDS: NOT AVAILBLE

H) 687.60 ELECTRONIC TUBES, 1,189,288,268 PCS

TRANSISTORS, INTEGRATED CIRCUITS, DIODES AND RECTIFIERS

EMPLOYMENT: 27,722 PRICES: NOT AVAILABLE

FUTURE TRENDS: NOT AVAILABLE

I) 705.84 GLOVES OF RUBBER-SURGICAL 30,000,000 PAIRS

AND MEDICAL

EMPLOYMENT 240

PRICES PRICE US\$2.00 TO US\$3.00 PER DOZ.

FUTURE TRENDS: PRODUCTION TO INCREASE BY 10 MIL.

PAIRS OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS WITH AN ANNUAL INCREASE OF 80
EMPLOYEES.

3. GOM HAS INFORMED US THAT THEY DO NOT KEEP SALES DATA AND THAT
THEY ARE, THEREFORE, UNABLE TO SUPPLY THIS INFO. SAME IS ALSO TRUE
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IN SOME CASES FOR PRICE DATA AND FUTURE TRENDS. IN ALL CASES, GOM
BELIEVES THAT GSP INCLUSION WOULD GIVE HEALTHY,
ALTHOUGH UNQUANTIFIABLE, BOOST TO THE INDUSTRIES IN QUESTION.

4. EMBASSY POUCHING DIPLOMATIC NOTE CONTAINING GSP PETITION TO
DEPARTMENT (EB/OT/GCP FOR MARC BAAS).

5. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF TRADE ESPECIALLY GSP) COMMITMENTS MADE
TO ASEAN BY U.S. LAST SEPTEMBER IN MANILA, EMBASSY HOPES THIS
PETITION WILL RECEIVE FULLEST CONSIDERATION AND THAT THE DEPARTMENT
AND OTHER AGENCIES REPRESENTED ON TPSC WILL MAKE A SPECIAL
EFFORT TO BE FORTHCOMING IF
AT ALL POSSIBLE. SUCH A MOVE WOULD ALSO BE MOST
TIMELY IN VIEW OF FORTHCOMING ASEAN-U.S. TALKS IN WASHINGTON.
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